

Year of the Promise & Law

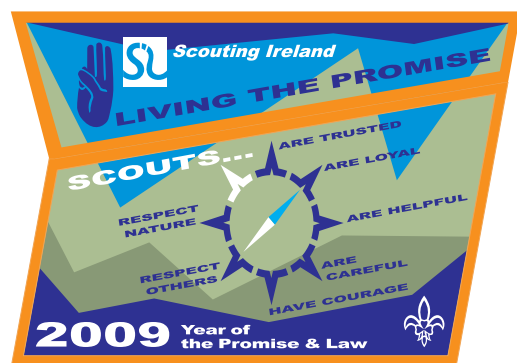
2009

Living the Promise



All Groups are invited to participate in the Promise and Law special initiative for 2009.

A special badge has been commissioned that all members are encouraged to wear. The badge consists of two parts - the bottom (larger portion) can be worn by all members for 2009 and can be purchased in the Scout Shop. The top portion (completing the badge) is awarded to members who have undertaken a unique project, activity or event that explores some aspect of the Scout Promise and Law.



How to go about it

Gather the members of your Section around and ask them to explore each element of the Scout Law and Promise. Using your favorite brainstorming techniques create, fun, crazy, inspiring ideas that can explore one or many aspects of the Scout Law and Promise. All activities if possible should be completed in an outdoor setting.

Scouters need to undertake their own project/initiative to qualify for the top portion of the badge.

When you have completed your project, fill out the application form (available on scouts.ie). Attach a picture of the individuals/group undertaking the project (Section, Patrol, Six, Unit, group of Scouters) and write up a small summary of what you have done. Send it into National Office and the top portion of the Promise 2009 badge will be returned to you and can be displayed proudly on their uniform.

The Promise Badge is worn above the right hand pocket. This is worn in place of the Centenary Badge. The top portion of the Centenary Badge is to be worn on the flap of the right hand pocket - this portion of the Centenary badge can be worn for life.

Important.....You can seek the top portion of the badge anytime from the 1st March. The final date for applications for the badge is the 1st December 2009. So, if you are planning events and projects late in the year be sure to have returned your application by that date to ensure supply. Applications after the closing date can not be assured that badges will be available.

Notes to consider

Getting members to recite the Scout Promise and Law is not a valid activity. Get out, have some fun, and explore any aspect of the Promise and Law that appeals to your members, take sometime after the event to reflect and seek deeper understanding of what the Promise and Law means to each member.

Attendance at a Provincial, County or Group event with a Promise and Law theme or comprised of Promise and Law activity bases is not a valid project to receive the top portion of the badge. It must at all times be driven by the young people in your sections - they come up with the ideas, they take part, and then receive the badge for their efforts.

Application forms and suggested ideas for projects and initiatives will be available on the Association website www.scouts.ie shortly.



Promise Badge Application Form

Address to which badges are to be returned

Name _____

Address _____

Section	Scout Group
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Have completed the following Challenge(s) to celebrate Year of the Promise 2009.

Details of Challenge

We request that the following number of badges (top portion) be sent to our Group

Photo of our Challenge

Signed Section Leader _____ Date: _____

Signed Group Leader _____ Date: _____